



Internet Safety

Almost everyone uses the internet. For research, schoolwork, social networking, gaming e.t.c. However, it is important to stay safe when using the internet as there are many dangers...

1. Make sure that you only talk to people you know. You don't know who they are. You could be talking to a 40 year old man posing as an 11 year old girl.
2. Never give out personal information online such as your address or mobile number as anyone could see it and try to contact you. Don't even share personal information with friends unless you are sure that no-one else will be able to see it.
3. If someone sends you a nasty message make sure not to delete it as if the police get involved it can be used as evidence. Tell your parents or an adult you trust about the message. Never respond to the message as this could cause more problems.
4. If someone you don't know sends you a friend request delete it. Some websites will also give you the option to block the person sending the request. This means that they won't be able to try to add/contact you again.
5. Never share photo's of yourself online as you don't know who can see them. Once it is put on the internet it will stay online forever and could be copied, used and changed by anyone. If you want to share photo's make sure to set your album to "Only viewable by friends" or "Only viewable to people with a link".
6. Never arrange to meet with a stranger unless your parents have given permission or are able to be present. Even if you think you know who they are, you could be wrong.
7. Never give out your password to anyone. Not even your best friend. If you fall out they could easily hack into your account and from there they could do anything. Change your status, say mean things, e.t.c.
8. Make sure to check with your parents before downloading any software as it could be harmful to your computer.
9. Don't open emails from people you don't know as it could contain mean/rude content or may give your computer a virus.
10. Make sure to check everything you read on the internet as not everything there is true. Check that you are using a reliable website and avoid using things like yahoo or wiki answers for research as answers can be given by anyone so may not necessarily be true.

Never give out your...

- Full name
- Address
- Phone number
- Password
- School

